

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 229188 TOSEC 270200

14

ORIGIN AF-03

INFO OCT-01 CCO-00 ISO-00 SSO-00 SS-15 /019 R

66011

DRAFTED BY:AF/W:TWMSMITH:GK

APPROVED BY:AF:TWMSMITH

S/S -O:LRMACFARLANE

----- 004306

P 160227Z SEP 76 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 229188 TOSEC 270200

FOLLOWING REPEAT LAGOS 10572 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 15 SEP 76.

QTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 10572

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CASC, BDIS

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH EDREMODA: SPRIGGS/GUTHRIE, LOCKHEED
PAYOFFS AND SECRETARY/GARBA LUNCH

1. IN CONVERSATION AT HIS OFFICE WITH ME AND NIGERIA DESK
OFFICER PATRICK, MEA AMERICA DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR DEREMODA
EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM REGARDING POSSIBILITIES OF
DEPORTATION FOR SPRIGGS AND GUTHRIE. HE SAID MEA WAS "BUSY
WORKING OUT THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS." I REMINDED HIM THAT
THE EMBASSY'S AIDE MEMOIRE TOOK NO POSITION ON THE LEGAL
ISSUES IN THE CASE, WHICH WERE WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE
NIGERIAN COURTS. HE SAID "WE DON'T VIEW YOUR MEMORANDUM AS
A FORMAL NOTE ANYWAY BUT JUST A PIECE OF PAPER TO HELP US
PREPARE OUR POSITION." I SAID OUR CONCERN REMAINED CENTERED
ON THE HUMANITARIAN AND PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECTS OF LENGTHY
PRISON SENTENCES. EDREMODA SAID HE SHARED OUR VIEW AND PERSON-
ALLY BELIEVED THAT DEPORTATION WOULD AVOID THE COMPLICATIONS
FOR OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONS THAT "THIS MINOR MATTER"
MIGHT OTHERWISE PRODUCE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 229188 TOSEC 270200

2. EDREMODA REMINDED ME OF OBASANJO'S REQUEST FOR "MORE DETAIL"

ON ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYOFFS (LAGOS 10526). I WENT OVER THE SAME GROUND I HAD COVERED WITH HIM BEFORE, AND TOLD HIM I WOULD LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS I HAD RECEIVED THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY.

3. EDREMODA ASKED WHETHER WE HAD FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED LUNCH IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND COMMISSIONER GARBA (LAGOS 9946). HE SAID GARBA'S PREFERENCES REMAINED OCTOBER 13 OR 14, BUT ANY DAY BETWEEN OCTOBER 7 AND 15 MIGHT BE FEASIBLE. I SAID I KNEW GARBA WOULD UNDERSTAND IF THE SECRETARY'S CURRENT SOUTHERN AFRICAN ACTIVITIES NECESSITATED SOME DELAY IN FIRING UP THE LUNCHEON DATE. EASUM UNQTE: ROBINSON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: EXPULSION, TOSEC, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 SEP 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE229188
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: AF/W:TWMSMITH:GK
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760348-1170
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760952/aaaabsrs.tel
Line Count: 73
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 JUL 2004 by ullricre>; APPROVED <18 OCT 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CONVERSATION WITH EDREMODA: SPRIGGS/GUTHRIE, LOCKHEED PAYOFFS AND SECRETARY/GARBA LUNCH
TAGS: PFOR, CASC, BDIS, (EDREMODA), (SPRIGGS), (GUTHRIE)
To: SECRETARY
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006